



# What is Project Work/Symposium?

- Learning how to research and present findings ...
  - Research writing and process
  - Experimental/project design
  - Presentation skills
- Major Performances?
  - Research Paper
    - Abstract, lit review, narrative of project/investigation design, results and conclusions
  - PowerPoint Poster
  - Presentation of Findings
    - Phase 1 (DEC)
    - SEF (FEB-MAY)
    - Symposium (MAY)
    - Imagine Tomorrow (MAY)?

# Year at a Glance

- Sept-October
  - Research Process
  - Topic Selection
  - Research (Lit. Review)
- October-November
  - Project/Investigation Design & Work: Phase 1
- November-December
  - Write up findings, draw conclusions, make poster
  - Present work to panel of juniors/seniors, etc.

# Year at a Glance

- January
  - Refine projects and investigation, plan phase 2 of exp.
    - Integrate feedback from panels and paper
  - Rewrite/tweak lit review (add sources, take away)
- February – March
  - Continue Investigations & Data Collection (trials 1-3)
  - Finalize experiments, write up final draft
- April
  - Submit final paper, make draft poster, AP study window
- May
  - Practice presentations
  - Present findings at Symposium (ALL) and/or IT (SOME)
- June
  - Project debrief, plan next steps, SEF?

# Into Action

- Teams formed, projects selected ...
- What is a Literature Review?
  - Why do it?
- Sophomores?
  - Project overview, general experience, ups and downs, etc.

# Beginning Research

- Learn about Boolean logic, truncation, smart search phrasing, etc.
- Fill out [Smart Search Planner](#) with team and by yourself
- Research using ProQuest to find 8-10 sources (or more ...)
- Write 10 note cards/day
  - Total of 40+ by week's end ...
- Write [Annotated Bib/Ref](#)
  - Critical review of sources ...
    - How does this help me answer my questions, big and small?

# Note Cards

- Note Cards
  - Bits and pieces of info for your paper or speech
    - 1 piece of data/info/quote per card, ONLY!
      - Quote: author's or the source's direct words
      - Paraphrase or Summary: in your own words what the source/author said
  - **TOTAL OF 40 + NOTE CARDS REQUIRED**
    - Not a “team” activity
    - About 10/day ... spot checks from Mac, Wright, Greene

# Note Card Example

*Paraphrase ...*

**HO / CTP / CD / WC \_\_\_\_\_**

**Para. / Quote**

**Most people in the United States claim to have either experienced or know somebody who has experienced a close encounter with an alien life form (Smedley 123).**

# Note Card Example

*Direct Quote ...*

**HO / CTP / CD / WC \_\_\_\_\_**

**Para. / Quote**

**According to Smedley, "Recent studies conducted in the United States suggest that most Americans have either had a close encounter with an alien life form or claim to know someone who has" (123).**